

## **CTK E-News Contents-December 17, 2015**

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### **A Note From Pastor Andrew**

As Christmas is just around the corner there is quite a bit on our plate, as always. We have our new space and worship has been packed. Thanks be to God!!! Yet, as we still are riding the wave of excitement with new possibilities, many of our same struggles still exist.

I've had several conversations these last few weeks and the topic that keeps coming up is, "pastor, are we always going to talk about money?" initially my answer is, "I hope not, but we must remember a few things. One-we're not alone in this struggle, and it's not even a Lutheran struggle. Many churches run in the red all year, however many churches have built up or have a bit of capital to fall back on. Two- if we all work together, it will take EVERYONE, focusing on plans and mission then the finances will come, but we do need to pull together. Three- we need to have faith. As I have said, God has a plan and sometimes it's hard to see how it's all working out, but God is with us."

When we moved into 911 Baldwin, I issued everyone a challenge, to invite one person or one family into worship or to one of our events. Why, even an invitation to come meet the pastor could work wonders to help another see how they are a part of the blessed family of God. I was overjoyed this past Monday when I couldn't get my work done, because so many people walked through the doors at church. The Holy Spirit was at work as we greeted each other in the grace of God. Wouldn't it be wonderful to welcome the stranger into such things?

The joy of Christmas is upon us and the closing of the year quickly approaches. Truly, this is a blessed time. I honestly am humbled to serve you as pastor. Yet, as one year closes, another begins and we have a lot of work ahead of us, God's work. I know I keep saying this, but it really shouldn't be any other way. Please ask yourself how you can become more involved in the mission of CTK. Many big decisions lay on the horizon, you are an important part of the process, and I pray you see it that way, but for now I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pastor Andrew

## **Announcements**

### **Office Hours**

The Church office will be closed December 28-January 2.

### **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. (or

immediately following worship). We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### **Holiday Depot Families**

Once again CTK will be adopting three families for Christmas through the Lapeer Holiday Depot program. Gifts need to be wrapped and returned to CTK with the gift tag ornament attached by Sunday, December 20.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### **Poinsettias for Christmas**

Poinsettias are \$10.00 each and are available in red or white. Please order before December 17. Make checks payable to "Christ the King" and indicate "poinsettia" in the memo line. Poinsettias will be in church for Dec. 20-Christmas Eve. Please sign up on bulletin board

### **Christmas Eve Worship**

Please join us on Thursday, December 24 at 6:30 p.m. for our Christmas Eve Worship.

### **CTK Teams**

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

#### **Marketing and Publicity Team**

Next meeting is January 7 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

#### **Fellowship Team**

Next meeting is on January 10 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

#### **Outreach Team**

Next meeting is January 14 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the second Thursday of every month.

#### **Worship Team**

Our next meeting is December 17 (one week early because of Christmas) at 5:45 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

### **CTK Small Groups**

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible study will meet at Linda Hash's house on January 20 at 1:00 pm.

#### **Sowing Threads of Fellowship**

We will be meeting on Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00 p.m. Sowing Threads of Fellowship meets the first Tuesday of each month in people's homes. We will meet at Linda Hash's home. We welcome new people to join us. Bring your sewing and enjoy fellowship with others!!

#### **Women's Group**

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! Our next meeting is January 14. Please bring a dish to share.

### **Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, December 17**

5:45 pm Worship Team meeting

6:30 pm River of Hope Worship

**Sunday, December 20**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship Time

11:00 am Church Council

**Thursday, December 24**

6:30 pm Christmas Eve Worship

**Friday, December 25**

Merry Christmas

**Sunday, December 27**

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship Time

No River of Hope This week.

**Sunday, January 3**

8:45 am Pancake Breakfast

10:00 am Worship

11:00 am Fellowship Time